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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

REQUEST FOR FILING A PATENT APPLICATION UNDER 37 CFR § 1.53(b)

Mail Stop PATENT APPLICATION

Commissioner for Patents

P.O. Box 1450

Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This is a request for filing a continuation application under 37 CFR § 1.53(b), of pending prior application:

Serial No. 10/193,207

Filed on July 12, 2002

Of Shinji NAKAGAWA et al.

Entitled: CONTROL UNIT FOR INTERNAL COMBUSTION ENGINE

Examiner: D. TRAN

Group: 3748

X 1. Accompanying this order is a true copy of the prior application as originally filed.

Total pages: 29

X 2. Formal drawings are being filed herewith consisting of 16 sheets, depicting Figures 1-27.

X 3. Declaration and Power of Attorney:

a. Newly executed (original or copy)

b. X Copy from prior application

i. Deletion of Inventors - signed statement attached deleting inventor(s) named in the prior application

X 4. Incorporation by Reference:

The entire disclosure of the prior application, from which a copy of the oath or declaration is supplied under Box 3b, is considered as being part of the disclosure of the accompanying application and is hereby incorporated by reference therein.

- 5. Cancel original claims ____.
- 6. Small entity status:
 - a. — Is still proper and desired.
 - b. — Is no longer claimed
- X 7. The filing fee is calculated below:

Claims as Filed, Including Any Claims
Cancelled or Added by Preliminary Amendment

Basic Fee				=	\$375/750	=	\$750.00
Total Claims	6	-	20	=	0	x	\$9/18
Independent Claims	5	-	3	=	3	x	\$42/84
Multiple Dependent Claim Presented							\$140/280
Total Filing Fee							\$918.00

- X 8. Please charge the deposit account of undersigned, No. 05-1323, in the amount of \$168.00 (Docket #056207.51363C1).
- X 9. A check in the amount of \$750.00 to cover the filing fee is enclosed.
- X 10. The Commissioner is authorized to charge any fee which may be required under 37 CFR § 1.16 or 37 CFR § 1.17 or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 05-1323 (Docket #056207.51363C1).
- X 11. Amend the specification by inserting before the first line the sentence: --This application is a continuation of application Serial No. 10/193,207, filed July 12, 2002.--
- X 12. Priority of Appln. No. 2001-213873, filed in Japan on July 13, 2001, is hereby claimed under 35 USC 119.
- X 13. A certified copy of each said priority document was filed in application Serial No. 10/193,207 on July 12, 2002.
- X 14. The prior application is assigned of record to Hitachi, Ltd.
- X 15. The power of attorney in the prior application is to:

Herbert I. Cantor, Reg. No. 24,392; James F. McKeown, Reg. No. 25,406; Donald D. Evenson, Reg. No. 26,160; Joseph D. Evans, Reg. No. 26,269; Gary R. Edwards, Reg. No. 31,824; and Jeffrey D. Sanok, Reg. No. 32,169.

- X a. The power appears in the original application papers in the prior application.

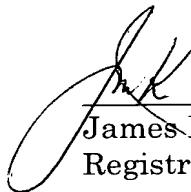
- b. Since the power does not appear in the original application papers, a copy of the power in the prior application is enclosed.
- c. Attached is a duplicate of a Supplemental Declaration which was filed in the prior application to overcome informalities.
- X d. Address all future correspondence to:

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- X 16. Forms PTO-892 and PTO-1449 listing prior art made of record in the prior application are attached. A copy of each of the listed references should be available in the prior application file.
- X 17. A Preliminary Amendment is being filed herewith.
- X 18. Return Receipt Postcard.

Respectfully submitted,

September 15, 2003



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